

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**AMERICAN POWs/MIAs IN  
SOUTHEAST ASIA  
(SUMMARY)**

**PART 21 OF 26**

**FILE NUMBER : 100-457899**

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To: SAC, New York (100-168469)

From: Director, FBI (100-457899) - 221

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

Enclosed herewith for your information is one copy of letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, which states that available admissible evidence in this matter is insufficient to support a solicitation of registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act or criminal prosecution under the Logan Act. You should immediately review your file and advise offices with outstanding leads to dispense with further interviews of relatives of servicemen detained in North Vietnam. You should also note the Department's request to be kept advised of activities of principal subjects involved in this matter. You should also note that "Registration Act" has been deleted from the character of this case.

Handle promptly in order that unnecessary interviews will not be conducted.

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At the Department's request we conducted an extensive investigation into COLIFAM activities to determine whether or not there are any possible violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act or the Logan Act.

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 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-168469)  
 SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
 FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
 IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
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ReBuat, 12/23/70.

For the information of all offices, reBu communication advised the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, informed the Bureau that available admissible evidence in this matter is insufficient to support a solicitation of registration under the Foreign Agents Registration Act or criminal prosecution under the Logan Act. All offices are to dispense with further interviews of relatives of servicemen detained in North Vietnam.

The Department requested that it be kept advised of further information which may be developed on the organization and its officers. Offices in receipt of pertinent information in this regard should furnish it to the Bureau. All contacts with relatives of the POWs should be terminated. Offices should note that the "Registration Act" has been deleted from the character of this case.

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 (COLIFAM)  
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 Kansas City letter to Bureau 9/4/70.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies each of FD-302s  
 with [REDACTED]

Enclosed for New York are  
 3 copies of above FD-302s.

Additional names of wives or families of prisoners  
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 in referenced communication from a letter obtained from  
 the U. S. Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph  
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All individuals on this list and those set forth  
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 This interview was not conducted inasmuch as she

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Interview  
Kansas, mother of  
and that of Mrs.

both revealed that they had daughters-  
in-law who were the wives of the prisoners of war and were  
listed as next of kin. These daughters-in-law were residing  
in South Carolina, and Oklahoma, respectively.  
Separate communications to those offices have been directed to  
have the wives interviewed.

All interviews conducted by the Kansas City Division  
are on FD-302s, suitable for dissemination and enclosed herewith.

Kansas City airtel to Bureau 8/5/70 furnished infor-  
mation regarding a Rev. PHILLIP LAWSON traveling to North  
Vietnam. Results of this trip have been furnished the Bureau  
and New York in LHM dated 10/9/70 and letter.

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Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Kansas, confirmed that their son, [REDACTED] U.S. Air Force, was shot down while on a mission over North Viet Nam on [REDACTED] 1967. They stated they were officially notified approximately ten months later that their son was a prisoner of war in North Viet Nam.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that in November or December, 1968, she received a telephone call from some woman who identified herself as a secretary for an organization interested in the prisoners of war held in North Viet Nam. This woman, whose name was not recalled, wanted to know if her son had a certain Air Force Serial Number. When informed that her son did have the same serial number the secretary advised Mrs. [REDACTED] that a man in the organization would call her with information about her son in half an hour.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that after receiving the above telephone call, she immediately telephonically contacted Colonel J. G. LUTHER, Director of Personnel Services, Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, concerning the telephone call. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that Colonel LUTHER was their Air Force contact representative concerning their son and that he apparently correlated information concerning Air Force personnel being held prisoners in North Viet Nam. Colonel LUTHER told Mrs. [REDACTED] that the telephone call probably came from the RENNIE DAVIS group in Chicago, Illinois, as this was at the same time that DAVIS and some of his associates had made public a list of prisoners of war being held in North Viet Nam. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that Colonel LUTHER stated it would not hurt to talk to the man to see what he had to say.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the man did call approximately one half hour after the first telephone call from the secretary, but again Mrs. [REDACTED] did not record nor did she recall the man's name, nor the group he represented.

The man wanted to know if the family was aware that their son was a prisoner of war in North Viet Nam. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she told the man that she was aware of this and the man wanted to know when and by whom she had been notified. She stated she told him that she had been officially notified her son was a prisoner of

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war by the U.S. Air Force approximately ten months after he was shot down. The man then told Mrs. [REDACTED] that he guessed he could not help her very much, but that he would send some literature and pamphlets to her through the mail. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated, however, that she had received no information or literature from the man or his group since that time.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that on December 24, 1979, they received a six line letter from their son. This letter was sent through the U.S. mail and was delivered by the Post Office in [REDACTED] Kansas.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. [REDACTED] Kansas, advised that [REDACTED] is a U. S. Naval Aviator. [REDACTED] was shot down over Hanoi, North Vietnam, on [REDACTED] 1967, and approximately one year later the family was notified that [REDACTED] was being held as a prisoner of war.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that members of the family had received no information from [REDACTED] since he was shot down until March, 1970. At that time, [REDACTED] sister, Mrs. [REDACTED] California, received a letter from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Service Men Detained in North Vietnam (COLIAFAM). This was a mimeographed letter dated March 9, 1970 and was addressed to [REDACTED] mother, Mrs. [REDACTED] California, who had passed away since the time [REDACTED] was shot down over North Vietnam. This mimeographed letter from COLIAFAM advised that information had been received that a letter from [REDACTED] had been mailed from North Vietnam and should arrive in the United States shortly. A copy of the COLIAFAM letter dated March 9, 1970 is included in this communication.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated that at an unrecalled date in May, 1970, he wrote a letter to COLIAFAM, inquiring about the letter that his brother was sending to the United States. By reply dated May 25, 1970, Mr. [REDACTED] received a handwritten note from BARBARA WEBSTER of COLIAFAM, advising that the letter had been mailed to [REDACTED] mother in [REDACTED] California on April 30, 1970. A copy of this handwritten note dated May 25, 1970, is included in this communication.

Also included in this communication is a copy of a mimeographed letter dated May 4, 1970, from Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ, which was an enclosure to the COLIAFAM letter dated May 25, 1970.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he next received a letter from COLIAFAM, which letter was dated June 14, 1970, and enclosed a second letter from his brother, who was still being held as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. A copy of this letter from COLIAFAM, signed by BARBARA WEBSTER, is included in this communication.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that members of COLIAFAM have had no direct contact with him other than the above mentioned letter. He further stated that the two letters from his brother sent by COLIAFAM were the only communications that the family had received from [REDACTED]

# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

NYC 100-114850

25 West End Street, New York, N.Y. 10011

(212) 765-1490

## MAIL ADDRESS:

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]

March 9, 1970

Dear [redacted]:

We have just received word from Hanoi that a letter from [redacted] to you has been mailed from North Vietnam and is expected to arrive here shortly, perhaps in the next week or two. As soon as it arrives, along with 86 others in the same package, we will send it to you immediately. Please forgive the mimeographed letter but we wanted you to know right away, particularly the large number of families for whom this will be the first letter.

As a result of arrangements made with the North Vietnamese, mail from captured pilots will be sent to this office in bundles for resending to families. The Committee of Liaison, which includes members of various anti-war organizations, also forwards letters to captured pilots, although families are able to send letters, once per month, and a package, of six pounds or less every other month, directly. Both letters and packages should be addressed to:

Name of serviceman, serial number 554745  
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots Captured  
in the R.R.V.  
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam  
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

We understand that three more packages of mail are on their way and we have been assured by the postmaster general of Hanoi, in all, that letters are expected in this period. Since December we have forwarded 200 letters and as of now mailing to have official confirmation of 210 servicemen held by the North Vietnamese.

We are very grateful to be able to perform this service and hope that you will feel free to write us if you have any questions. We are continuing to work for the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam; to bring an end to the bombing, killing and maiming and to hasten the day when all families will be reunited in peace and Vietnam.

Sincerely yours,

Baye Bellinger  
Baye Bellinger

# COMMITTEE OF 100

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

KC 100-14050

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FOI 2012-812-77  
b7c May 25, 1970

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The letter from your brother was mailed from our office on April 30<sup>th</sup>; we addressed it to your mother in [REDACTED]. If you are getting her mail, I trust you have received it by now. It was sent certified, special delivery and we haven't received it back from the post office. So if you have not received it you should check with the Hagerstown post office. If you can't find it, let us know and we will put a trace on it.

We have noted your address for future letters from Verlyne.

Also, I am enclosing a memo Dick Fernandez wrote after his recent trip to Hanoi.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster

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## with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

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From: Rev. Richard Fernandez  
To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam  
Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their



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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

*with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam*

RC 100 14350

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Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Palomdon, Nancy Rubin and Judy Claver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/1/70

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence located two blocks north of [redacted] in [redacted] Missouri. He stated he is the father of [redacted]. He stated that his son is presently confined in a Prisoner of War Camp in North Vietnam. His Navy serial number is [redacted] and that he was born in [redacted] Idaho.

Mr. [redacted] advised that he is almost blind and that he is unable to read. He is presently living with his mother, [redacted] who reads the letters from his son to him. This interview was conducted in the presence of both Mr. [redacted] and his mother, who assisted in supplying pertinent information and furnishing pertinent documents.

Mr. [redacted] advised that he first learned that his son had been shot down over North Vietnam on [redacted] 1966, when he was contacted by officials from the Okla. Naval Station. He learned through a radio broadcast on November 29, 1966, that his son was confined in a Prisoners of War Camp in Hanoi. He recalls that in January, 1967 he received the first letter from his son from North Vietnam. He obtained the following mailing address from that letter:

[redacted]  
Camp of Detention of U. S. Pilots Captured in the  
Democratic Republic of Vietnam  
Care of Hanoi, DRV Vietnam

Mr. [redacted] advised that he has been addressing his letters, which are limited to one month, in this manner.

When questioned concerning correspondence from an organization called Committee of Liaison with Families of Service Men Detained in North Vietnam, he advised that he has heard the name before but cannot recall where.

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He then asked his mother to make available all the correspondence they have received concerning their son since his capture. Mrs. [REDACTED] brought forth the correspondence and furnished numerous letters, copies which are attached. Not only were letters from the Committee of Liaison included, there were also letters from the following organizations: (it is noted that all correspondence concerning [REDACTED] has been addressed to his father)

1. Fighting Home Folks of Fighting Men, Box 915, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.
2. American Friends Service Committee, Inc., 160 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
3. Two letters from [REDACTED]
4. One letter from Reverend DANIEL BERRIGAN, JR. Cornell University, Ithica, New York, postmarked Boston, Massachusetts.
5. One letter from TOM HAYDEN, c/o Liberation Room Room 10255 Beekman, New York, New York.
6. Letter with enclosure from M. K. HARTMAN "Project Hand Clasp - Vietnam and Laos", 661 North Fulton Avenue, Lindenhurst 11757.
7. A telegram and letter from RENARD C. DAVIS.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he has not been contacted personally or telephonically to his knowledge by any members of the above organizations. He did state that should he hear from any such group he would contact the FBI.

He advised that to his knowledge no other member of his family has received communications from either his son or these organizations. He advised that his former wife had now remarried and is living north of [REDACTED] Her married name is now [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] advised to the best of his knowledge, and his mother confirmed this, the letters from his son have all been mailed by a third party as indicated in the attached correspondence from the assorted individuals and organizations.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated he has two daughters, Mrs. [REDACTED] who resides in [REDACTED] Missouri, and Mrs. [REDACTED] who resides [REDACTED] Missouri

The originals of documents will be returned to the [REDACTED] for retention should they be needed in the future for evidence.

Mr. [REDACTED] advised if the matter should come to trial he would consider testifying at that time on behalf of the Government.

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September 6, 1968

Mr. [REDACTED]

Missouri [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am glad that it was possible for us to bring a letter back from your son when we returned from Vietnam. I hope very much that it will not be long before the US has withdrawn its military intervention from Vietnam, has brought all of our armed forces back home, and has made it possible for the prisoners to be released and returned to their families.

Sincerely yours,

*Stewart Meacham*  
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## HEADQUARTERS FIGHTING HOMEFOLKS OF FIGHTING MEN

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### THE CASE FOR THE AMERICAN G.I. AND OUR POWs The G. I. Needs Loyalty from the Top Down

The soldier is the great American. He fought and died to get us our freedom, and must continue to fight and die to keep it for us. In return for his supreme loyalty, he is entitled to an equal loyalty from the President and all of us. The POW risked and lost his freedom for us; in return we are obligated to take whatever risk needed to free him.

In a troop withdrawal, the President's first duty is to see that our POWs are not deserted, deprived of the backing of the presence of our troops, but that they come home with our troops. Our POWs are part of our troops.

Without the presence of our troops, our POWs are certain to be used for blackmail. The Red Chinese demand as blackmail for the release of the Americans they hold that we abandon Formosa to them. Once our troops are gone, The Vietnamese Reds can make the same demand, plus a million dollars for each POW. If the price is too high, our POWs will be left to die in their hands.

That would shatter a growing faith. If, as General MacArthur warned, the soldier ever loses his faith in his Government's will to back him, America will be finished. Means: 53,000 desertions a year and a rash of minor mutinies.

The President must make our G.I.s a courageous, genuine effort. He can demand that for each increment of troops withdrawn a proportionate percentage of our POWs be released. The Reds want our troops withdrawn. They would be getting what they want in return for our POWs. If the President has the courage to say, "No POWs released, no more withdrawals," the plan may well work.



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There is a political risk to the President if the Reds balk. But does not the President, don't we all, owe our POWs a risk in return for the risk and loss they took for us?

But the politicians are content with just scolding the Reds. It's safe, doesn't alienate peaceable voters. In Congress they scolded the Reds for 65 pages of the Congressional Record. They knew it would do no good but hoped it would fool the POW kin, who had been bugging them, into getting off their backs. The Republicans fear the release plan, if the Reds balked, might lose them the next presidential election.

So POW wives are sent abroad to make vain pleas for a POW roster; days of prayer are held; we are all urged to show our concern for our POWs to the Reds with postcards, etc. -- all of which merely increases the blackmail value of the POWs. All of this is irrational, witless and fatuous. We want our POWs back, not just to get a list of them.

We are dealing with malevolent, American-hating cutthroats. There are just two ways of getting our POWs back: 1. Beat the tar out of the Reds militarily, or 2. Give them something they want in exchange - the withdrawal of our troops. Since the men of Washington have no stomach for No. 1, No. 2 is it. If the President has any guts, it may well work. If the President has a better plan, let him come out with it.

NOTE This volunteer work organization needs the help of all POW kin to get Nixon to act. Postage this mailing, \$60.

If you can use the enclosed sticker, send 15¢ in stamps. If not, please return.

Our Sons Backed America... Will America Back Our Sons?

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February 19, 1970

The Judge Advocate General of the Army  
The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A number of officers are determined to bring court-martial charges against the person responsible, if he is subject to military law, under the following circumstances: 1. If our troops are withdrawn from Vietnam, leaving our POWs to be used as blackmail bait, with no genuine effort having been made to have our POWs released at the same time as the withdrawal. 2. If our Government continues to furnish supplies to countries which tranship them to Hanoi, to be used to kill our men.

In line with your practice of rendering opinions interpretive of military law, your opinion on the below questions is requested.

Question No.1. Is the Commander in Chief of the armed forces a member of the armed forces?

Question No.2. If so, is he subject to military law? Art.2,(1) apparently includes him in the armed forces as among "--- all other persons lawfully called --- into the 'armed forces'", which call took effect when he took the oath of office as president.

Question No.3. Is the Commander in Chief technically "before the enemy", being at his proper post of command at the White House?

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Question No. 4. Does the Commander in Chief's action in leaving his POWs in the hands of the enemy, without a genuine resolute effort to have them released to come home with the troops (of which they are a part) properly come under Art. 99, Art. 90, Article 506, "Misbehavior before the enemy." Any member of the armed forces who before or in the presence of the enemy --- (2) shamefully abandons --- any command, unit --- which it is his duty to defend, shall be punished by death or such other punishment as a court-martial may direct.


Question No. 5. Can the Commander in Chief be properly charged under Art. 104, "Aiding the Enemy", although the supplies to kill our men were not furnished directly to Hanoi, but indirectly through the Soviet Union?

Question No. 6. What military authority can receive the charges and convene a court-martial to try the Commander in Chief?

Question No. 7. If no one can convene such a court-martial, does that mean that the Commander in Chief, though subject to military law, can violate that law by acts of cowardice or other shameful acts with impunity and without fear of punishment?

The Commander in Chief has for months ignored suggestions that for every increment of troops withdrawn, he demand that a proportionate percentage of POWs be released, or put into effect any other plan for the release of the POWs simultaneously with the troop withdrawals. The Communists use POWs for blackmail. The blackmail price demanded by the Red Chinese for the release of the Americans they hold is the withdrawal of our 7th Fleet and the abandonment of Formosa to them. The Vietnamese Reds can ask a similar high price for the POWs - which we may be unable to pay.

Sincerely and for the group,

  
Eugene R. Guild  
Captain, United States Army, Retired

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## TROOP WITHDRAWAL MUST INCLUDE AMERICAN POW'S

### Congress, The President, Peaceniks And Public Ignore Plight Of Red Captives

CAPTAIN EUGENE GUILD (USA Ret.)

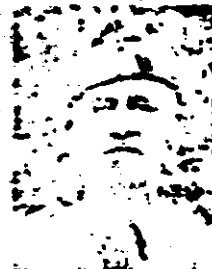
Founder, "Fighting Home Folks of Fighting Men"

DEAN MANION: With me here at the microphone is our country's top authority on the subject of our fellow citizens who are now prisoners of war. Eugene Guild of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, is a retired Regular Army Captain who has labored for the past 10 years to make America conscious of the fate of hundreds of American servicemen who are now sweating it out in the Communist prison camps of North Korea, Red China, Soviet Russia and, presently, in North Viet Nam.

Patriotically, Captain Guild has made himself a point of contact between mothers, fathers and the kith, kin and friends of the officially forgotten men who have fallen into the horror of Communist captivity while serving our country. He visited us here five years ago with an account of his experiences in researching the facts about hundreds of Americans who were and have since been left in Communist captivity after the cease fire in Korea. Now I've asked him to come back and bring us up to date about those who have been captured by the Communist government of North Viet Nam.

Captain Guild, welcome back to the Manion Forum.

CAPTAIN GUILD: I'm very glad to be here, Dean Manion. I got into this thing in 1950 when



my marine son was killed in action in Korea. He got a posthumous Navy Cross, by the way. I became sympathetic with all of the mothers of those who are missing—these mothers didn't know whether their sons were alive or dead and that's a tough situation. We formed a little organization called "The Fighting Home Folks of Fighting Men" and we worked at it. And when in 1953 all the prisoners were not returned, we concentrated on those POW's.

I went to Korea, I went to Panmunjom, I went to Europe and to Greece and talked with men who knew about it and I've been underground. And, by the way, I talked with the Vice President of the International Red Cross in Seoul, Korea, who told me that the United States Government had not requested the International Red Cross to take any action whatsoever on the prisoners of war.

DEAN MANION: What year was that?

CAPTAIN GUILD: That was in 1960, in Seoul, Korea. Then, of course, we had those shot down by the Soviets—34 planes with over a hundred men who were shot down. The State Department, in 1960, said that they were



compelled to believe that the government was holding these men. The chapter and verse and prison camps and we talk about these men and demanded that they be accounted for or released. Of course, the Soviet government denied any knowledge whatsoever about the situation and we quietly let that drop.

Now, the situation of the Viet Nam prisoners comes up. There are 11 Viet Nam prisoners and 1,000 POW's who were shot down or captured, who are believed to be still alive. We know 400 by name, but the rest we don't know about. In other words, the parents and the wives do not know whether their life are alive or dead, which, as I said before, is a very tough proposition on them.

DEAN MANTON: Captain, the White House gives us the assurance that they're going to do everything possible, diplomatically, to obtain a release of these men. What do you think about that?

CAPTAIN GUILD: Well, I can only go on what experience has been with the Communists. Now diplomatically and politically you get nowhere with the Communists. You only get some place with them when you give them something they want. Now, the State Department has written Senator Hart, of Michigan, a letter in which they state that the Chinese Reds have told them that they will not even discuss the release of the Americans they hold in Korea unless the Taiwan, or Formosa, problem is settled to their satisfaction. Meaning, if we will abandon Taiwan to them, they'll talk about releasing the Americans which they hold.

Now, that's simply blackmail and that's simply the experience with the Reds, showing that if you do as we did in the Korean situation and take away all of our troops and leave the prisoners of war there, without any bargaining force behind them, then the Communists are going to get what they can in a blackmail way out of those prisoners of war.

DEAN MANTON: Captain, you mentioned blackmail. Didn't Castro use some sort of blackmail, as I recall, with the Bay of Pigs?

prisoners. I would let them get out of Cuba?

CAPTAIN GUILD: He certainly did. They demanded 50 million dollars for the release of those Bay of Pigs prisoners and they got it. In this situation they probably ask 10 or 20 times that amount of blackmail for the release of our prisoners in Viet Nam. And, of course, in the Korean time they asked for an infamous \$500 million price of the release of those Korean prisoners and they got that infamous \$500 million, that \$500 million, which they used all over the world to strengthen their position.

DEAN MANTON: Captain, has your organization made any definite proposals to the State Department or the President or anybody?

### Troop Withdrawal Should Include POW's

CAPTAIN GUILD: Yes, on the Fourth of July this year we proposed to the President by letter that as a part of the withdrawal of American troops, that all of the troops be withdrawn, including the prisoners of war, who are part of our troops. And that before anything else was done that the President demand that Paris, that for each increment of American troops withdrawn the Reds should release the proportionate number of POW's which they hold. Because we can't withdraw all our troops without withdrawing our prisoners of war, who are part of our troops. We sent that letter to the President and we also sent the proposal to a score of the members of Congress and to a number of governors, and we gave it some publicity.

DEAN MANTON: Captain, you know very well from experience that Hanoi will not even reveal the number or the names of the prisoners they hold. They're not going to make any such agreement, do you think?

CAPTAIN GUILD: Well, there's some possibility that they may. They want us to withdraw and we may be that, able to give them something they want. But if they refuse, if they balk at returning one of the prisoners of war, why then that is a risk, a political risk, particularly to the President. But those POW's

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risked everything for the President. for you and me, for everybody and they are certainly worth taking a political risk or some risk, to liberate.

The American soldier is the man that got our liberty in the beginning by fighting and dying for it and he must continue in the future to keep on fighting and dying to maintain our liberty. Therefore, he is the most important man in this country and to want any kind of a risk, particularly a political risk, to back out and to give loyalty from the top down.

DEAN MANION: Captain, what do you mean by a "political risk" that the President might take by demanding and attempting to enforce this kind of a demand? In the first place, what would he do if they will refuse to agree?

CAPTAIN GUILD: Well, he would simply stand fast and say we will not withdraw any troops unless all of the troops, including the prisoners of war, can be withdrawn. Now that is a political risk to the President and to his party and it might mean that if he cannot fulfill his promise of ending the war and getting the troops back that he might possibly lose the next election. That is the risk.

DEAN MANION: My point, Captain, about the political risk is this: If the President's could make it plain that North Viet Nam is demanding that we abandon these prisoners, do you think the American people would, rise up against him for refusing to agree to that?

CAPTAIN GUILD: Well I think they're very likely to. I think all of this business of the doves and the nihilistic students who are saying, "Let's get out regardless of anything, regardless of the POW's, regardless of the war which might come from this business of quitting." That can easily react upon the politicians, upon the party in power. In future elections the same doves and the same nihilistic youth who came out against the war can say, "Well, here is the man, Mr. Nixon, who sold Viet Nam down the river; who sold out our prisoners," and so forth.

in other words, if we are not to desert him no matter what the cost. I think that the reaction can be very adverse upon the politicians if they have these prisoners of war to be used as blackmail by the Communists.

DEAN MANION: Well from what you've said, Captain, you've posed a conflict here between what is the political thing to do and what is the moral thing to do. Now are you going to resolve that?

Young Abandonment  
In a Court-Martial Offense

CAPTAIN GUILD: The danger that we have now is that we're now getting into the same old situation that we had in Korea. In other words, this is where we came in on the same thing. Now, if we abandon those prisoners and leave them over there why, as I say, the situation can be used against the Commander in Chief, the President, who commands all of the troops and all of the armed forces. He can be accused of having abandoned his own men. And, by the way, it's a court-martial offense for any commanding officer of troops to abandon any of his men, an offense that, by the court-martial manual, can be punished by death or such other punishment as the court-martial may direct.

And there is that danger also to the morale of the people coming in. How are we going to get men to enlist in the armed forces who will, from this experience of abandoning our prisoners, wonder "If I get in what's going to happen to me? Will I be abandoned if I'm captured? Will I be given any loyalty whatsoever from the top down, or if I go out I just get out of luck?" Now that morale problem is serious.

General MacArthur stated that if the American soldiers ever lost his back to the Government's will to protect him and to back him, that in effect, the United States would be finished. That is a very serious danger and it is a danger which we have to consider. We have had a number of small mutinies here and there—all over the Army—and we have a number of people getting into the Army who get in unwillingly and they put in with a bad spirit and the atmosphere now is not good.

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DEAN MANION: Captain, position resolves itself down going to withdraw the troops, with that statement to withdraw the prisoners, isn't that right?

CAPTAIN GUILD: Yes. The prisoners are part of our troops and to consider that they're not our troops is a treasonous situation. We must withdraw the prisoners along with our troops and we must do it now before it is too late. We must stipulate that our troops will not be withdrawn unless the prisoners come along home with them. The prisoners belong with our troops and they should be brought home with them. To leave them for blackmail bait is a treasonous situation, it is absolutely failing to give the loyalty from the top down that they are entitled to as American fighting men.

DEAN MANION: Captain Guild, you've un-

derstanding with a lot of Congressmen. In this situation?

CAPTAIN GUILD: No, they are not. Recently they held a whole day session, taking up 60 pages of the Congressional Record to scold the Communist for their inhumane treatment of our prisoners. And that was simply an obvious attempt to get the POW kids and him off their backs. It was a hypocritical and cruel hoax upon the kids and him of the POW's and upon these poor POW's themselves.

DEAN MANION: Thank you, Captain Guild.

The Captain forgot to tell you that his grandson is now fighting with our infantry in South Viet Nam. His own blood line thus runs straight through the Korean War into this one. What Asiatic country will be next if we give the Communists another victory in Viet Nam?



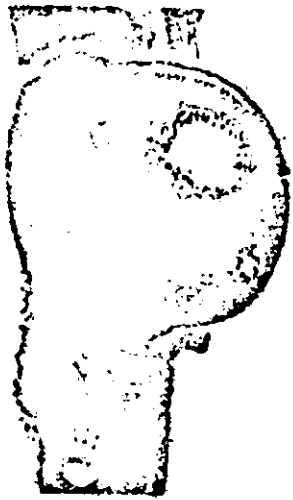
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**FIGHTING FOR THE FOLKS OF FIGHTING MEN**

PO BOX 1000 SPRINGS, COLORADO  
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February 15, 1970

To the Editor:

Dear Sir:

It's about time someone stated the case for the soldier and our POWs.

Certainly the military high brass are not going to do it. They are going to keep their mouths shut and not risk their stars and their careers for their country, even while the private soldier risks his life for his country. There aren't any more Gen. Billy Mitchell's, Adm. Richardsons and Ed. Walkers to speak out and give up their high jobs.

There are none today to tell the President: "1. I am not going to command in a no-win war and see my men die with their hands tied. 2. I'm not going to stand by and see my captured men tortured - with impunity. 3. I'm not going to command while troops are withdrawn and my men are deserted in Red hands, to be used as blackmail bait. 4. I ask to be relieved from command; you can find some other boy to do your dirty work."

No, today's military brass cooperate with the political brass to play it safe, take no risks, and let the GI and the POW take the rap.

The American people are suckers if they are content with the current, senseless, fatuous scolding of the Reds for their cruelty; with vain pleas to the non-existent Communist conscience, with the effort to stir up a world cry of outrage against the Reds. What effect on the Communists did the world cry of outrage have for their murder of Tibet? Their rape of Hungary and Czechoslovakia? NONE! Does impressing the Communists with our concern for our POWs make the Reds break down and cry? No, it just increases the blackmail value of our POWs to the Reds. Do you would the criminals or appeal to them in a crime wave? No, you get on the mayor and his police to stop it. He has the power, as Nixon has the only power to get our POWs back.

We want to recover our sons - not just get a list of them. Only one man can recover them - the President, and in only two ways: 1. By a military victory, or 2. By giving the Reds something they want in exchange for the time & our troop withdrawal, which we are now giving them with no other intent than to return.

Let the President, or you, or anyone else, have a better plan, but let's have one plan to get our sons back.

*Eugene A. Dault*  
Eugene A. Dault, Capt., USA, Ret.  
National Director

Will America Back Our Sons?

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IN REPLY REFER TO  
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Dear Navy Wives and Parents:

It has come to our attention that several of you have had letters returned which you had sent to your husband or son.

We have learned from the U. S. Post Office Department that the problem most often stems from misrouting by their personnel. We may not be able to eliminate all misrouting but we believe there is less likelihood that your letters will be returned if placed in an envelope with the address clearly printed or typed thereon. Therefore, if you have not already been doing so, we suggest you enclose your letter in a regular envelope and mail, as previously done, to:

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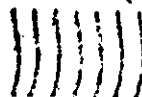
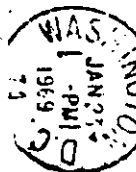
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April 8, 1970

Dear friend:

Treasurer:  
Mrs. Anne Bennett

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter which we received from North Vietnam today.

Committee  
Richard J. Barnett  
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Madeline Duckles  
Prof. Richard Falk  
Rev. Richard Fernandez  
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Ethel Taylor  
Barbara Webster  
Trudi Young

Over 400 letters are en route from servicemen being held in North Vietnam. The enclosed letter, along with 79 others, was in the first packet to arrive here out of a total of five packets which we have been expecting.

We are also enclosing a letter form which the North Vietnamese have suggested relatives use when writing to servicemen in North Vietnam. You can mail it or regular letters directly to Hanoi or to our office for forwarding. If you send letters to us, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we forward them on in packets.

For those of you who may not have already received one, we are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains what the Committee of Liaison is.

With hopes for an early decision by the United States to withdraw from Vietnam,

Sincerely,

*Steve Halliwell Barbara Webster*  
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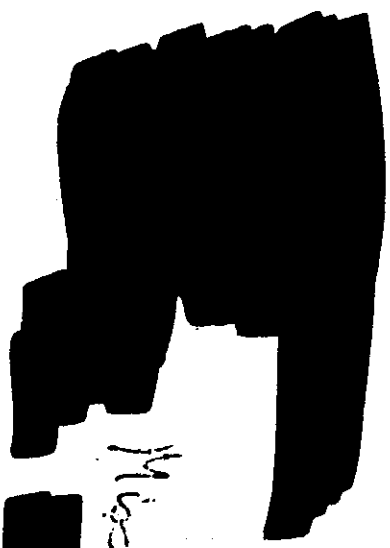
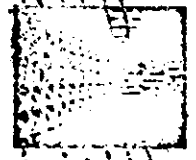
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February 11, 1970

[REDACTED] Missouri [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Woods:

We received your letter today asking about our letter to you of January 27th. Forgive the lack of clarity in that letter.

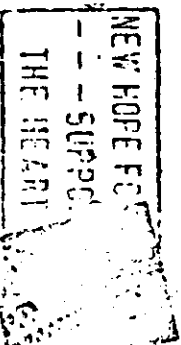
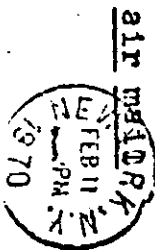
That letter went out to those families who had received letters through members of our new Committee during the last few months: specifically, the 130-odd families for whom Cora Weiss and Ethel Taylor had brought back letters in December, and the 64 families who had received letters in mid-January through Stewart Meacham and Mr. Louis Schneider. When I referred to the letter you should have received, then, I meant the one brought to your family at Christmastime by Cora Weiss. The January 27th letter was simply intended to tell families with whom we'd been in recent contact in this way of the formation and purpose of the Committee of Liaison. In other words, to let you know that hopefully from now on correspondence with your son will not be as sporadic as it was in the past, and that our Committee had been set up in order to help facilitate that correspondence.

I am very sorry that my previous letter was unclear, and that we unintentionally may have misled you. I sincerely hope we may be writing to your family in the near future with news that another letter is on its way. Again, my apologies.

Sincerely,

*Maggie Geddes*  
Maggie Geddes

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Trudi Young

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June 26, 1970

Dear friend:

We are very happy to send you the enclosed letter. It, along with 105 others, was brought back to this country by a group of anti-war people who have just returned from a visit to North Vietnam.

This brings to a total of 1,110 letters which the Committee of Liaison has forwarded on to families since last December.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*

Barbara Webster



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F.O. 1-812-674

July 9, 1970

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Missouri [REDACTED]

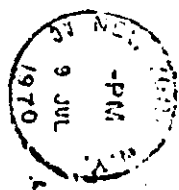
Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

On June 26th we mailed the enclosed to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Missouri. Today we received it back from the post office, marked "addressee unknown."

I was unable to get a phone number for you so I am mailing it in the hopes you can forward the letter to Mrs. [REDACTED]. We would appreciate receiving a correct address for Mrs. [REDACTED] should there be more letters for her in the future.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON  
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Prof. Geo. Seligson  
Prof. Franz Schurmann  
Ethel Taylor  
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Dear Mr. [REDACTED] :

We're very happy to forward this letter to you which just arrived from North Vietnam along with 81 others.

We know it's been a long time since you were informed that this letter was en route, but it's a long trip and we too are delighted that they've arrived.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster* *Maggie*

Barbara Webster Maggie Geddes  
for the Committee of Liaison



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\*Steve Halliwell  
Stewart Meacham  
Prof. Ben Spitzman  
Ethel Taylor  
\*Barbara Webster  
\*Trudi Young

Staff

March 25, 1970

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

PO 12-12-70 b7c

We have just received word from Hanoi that a letter from [REDACTED] has been mailed to you from North Vietnam. His name was included in a list of 80 servicemen just received: this list represents advance notice of 82 letters mailed together in a package due to arrive soon. As soon as it comes, we will forward it to you. Forgive this mimeographed communication, but we wanted you to know as quickly as possible.

The Committee of Liaison was set up to facilitate communication between men who are held in North Vietnam and their families in this country. You may be interested to know that since this new arrangement was made with the North Vietnamese in December, 376 letters have been sent from Hanoi through us to families, and that as of this current notification 256 servicemen have been confirmed as held by the North Vietnamese. More mail is en route and it is expected that mail will soon be normalized.

The arrangement for mail is described in the announcement enclosed. We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have further questions. In the meantime we continue to work for the immediate and complete withdrawal of all troops from Vietnam; to bring to an end the fighting, killing and capturing; and to hasten the day when all families, American and Vietnamese will be reunited.

Sincerely yours,

*Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger*

Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger

Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairman of the Committee and presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that "It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way. We who are on this Committee," he continued, "firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only come from a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam."

Mr. Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of thousands of prisoners in jails in South Vietnam who, with full knowledge and assistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque tortures, as has been frequently documented, most authoritatively by Congressman John Conyers and the Rev. Robert Drinan, Dean of Boston College Law School, in a recent survey of South Vietnamese prisons.

Another member of the Committee, Stewart Meacham, Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, said that "Lou Schneider of the AFSC has recently been given a packet of 69 letters in Hanoi from servicemen and the 69 letters will soon arrive from Hong Kong in New York, and will immediately be sent to the addressees." Mr. Meacham said that "the 69 letters en route to the U.S. were written by 64 prisoners and the Committee can presently confirm the names of 182 airmen held by the North Vietnamese, or reported to be dead or unknown." Mr. Meacham emphasized that the list (available upon request) of 182 names was neither final nor comprehensive. He said that "While these names are known to us, there are undoubtedly others known to their families."

Other persons participating in the press conference included Rennie

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Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Geddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

In December 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 138 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Weiss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

Other members of the Committee of Liaison not present at today's press conference include Mrs. Anne Bennett, Prof. Bea Seitzman, Steve Halliwell and Barbara Webster. The Committee's office is at 365 West 42nd Street, 2nd floor, New York, N.Y.

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Note: Since this release, 87 more letters from prisoners have been sent from North Vietnam for forwarding by the Committee.

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## Antiwar Group Seen As Liaison To U.S. POWs

NEW YORK (AP) — An office to arrange and facilitate exchange of mail between American servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families will open here today, a group opposed to the war announced yesterday.

The office carries the name of the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and its organizers are Mrs. Cora Weiss and David Dellinger.

Mrs. Weiss said the organization has had numerous contacts with families of prisoners. It hopes to send the said letters from prisoners, brought by hand to Hong Kong, were flown to Philadelphia Saturday, then mailed to the families.

She said the North Vietnamese had approved mail arrangements by which families could send one letter and one package of no more than six pounds each month to relatives held prisoner.

Mrs. Weiss, national head of the Women's Strike for Peace and a co-chairman of the New Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, returned recently from a trip to Hanoi.

Dellinger is one of the seven defendants being tried in Chicago on charges growing out of the disorders during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Mrs. Weiss said North Vietnamese officials have agreed to "reply to the extent possible" to inquiries from families.

The office will be at 365 West 42d St., Mrs. Weiss said.

## Fees of War Form Group to Forward Letters to P.O.W.'s

Special to The New York Times

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—Opponents of the Vietnam war announced today the formation of a committee to "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

At a news conference here, the founders said the Hanoi Government had agreed to work through the new committee, which is called Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Mrs. Cora Weiss of Riverdale, the Bronx, a housewife who is co-chairman of the committee, said Hanoi had agreed to send all mail from American prisoners of war to the committee, which will have offices at 365 West 42d Street in New York City. She said the committee would then forward the letters to the prisoners' families.

Mrs. Weiss, who spent two weeks in North Vietnam in December, said the North Vietnamese had also agreed to answer inquiries from families of missing men and would "attempt to confirm their status."

Mrs. Weiss said this was the first time the North Vietnamese had agreed to answer such inquiries. She said the committee hoped for reasonably prompt responses.

Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedures for such inquiries. She said the family of any missing man could contact the committee's New York office and ask it to approach Hanoi.

She said the committee would send a telegram to Hanoi, "assuming that West-Union will send our telegrams—we've had some trouble with that."

If the airman has been confirmed killed or is unknown to the North Vietnamese, Mrs. Weiss said, Hanoi will respond by telegram. If the man was injured or in a prison camp, she said, the North Vietnamese would attempt to get the man to write his family through the committee.

With regard to mail from men known to be held in North Vietnam, Mrs. Weiss said the procedure to be followed. She said North Vietnam had agreed to send and receive one letter a month between prisoners and their relatives in this country.

Letters from the prisoners are to be sent in bundles to the committee's offices and then forwarded from there to the families.

from The New York Times, 1/16/70

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COMMUNICATION WITH CAPTURED AIRMEN

ESTABLISHED BY NEW COMMITTEE:

LETTERS EN ROUTE NOW

Subject:  
Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee (in formation):  
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Rev. Richard Fernandez  
Maggie Goddies  
Steve Halliwell  
Stewart Maccham  
Prof. Ben Seitzman  
Ethel Tavier  
Barbara Webster  
Trudi Young  
Staff

Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, six anti-war activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cora Weiss, a co-chairman of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, N.Y., "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

Specifically, "the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots," according to Mrs. Weiss, "and immediately forward them to the addressee. Also," she continued, "we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives."

According to Mrs. Weiss, "the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country. Letters sent from the U.S.," she continued, "should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for U.S. Pilots Captured in the DRV, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, via Moscow, Soviet Union." Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, can be sent every other month and are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

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Dear *Mrs.* [REDACTED] :

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edson Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air-letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Steven E. Halliwell*  
Steven E. Halliwell

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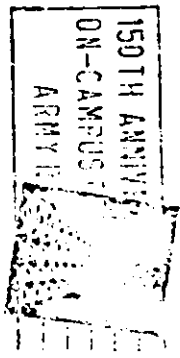
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Executive Secretary

December 3, 1969

Dear Friend,

Following upon Joseph Elder's October 1969 visit to North Vietnam it now appears that I will be able to make a two-week visit to North Vietnam beginning in late December.

I have been invited to come to the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam as part of an international delegation to discuss questions of reconstruction and humanitarian aid. In addition I will make delivery of a quantity of open heart surgical equipment on behalf of the American Friends Service Committee for use in the civilian hospital in Hanoi.

I would be glad to take with me a letter from you to your family member who is a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, should you want to write at this time. I would plan to turn over all letters to authorities of the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam in Hanoi with my request that they be delivered to the individual prisoners.


If you wish to send mail to your family member in this way, the letter should be received here in Philadelphia by Monday, December 15, 1969, and addressed to:

Louis W. Schneider  
International Service Division  
American Friends Service Committee  
160 North Fifteenth Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

I welcome this opportunity to serve you in this way.

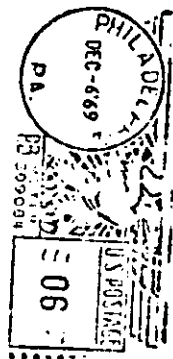
Most sincerely yours,

Louis W. Schneider  
Associate Executive Secretary

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Executive Secretary

December 5, 1969

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Missouri

801-812-2  
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Dear Friend:


My colleague here at the American Friends Service Committee, Louis Schneider, will be going to Hanoi soon and is willing to take letters to American pilots. If you wish him to carry a letter from you please send it to Louis Schneider at this address and he will turn it over to the authorities in Hanoi with the request that it be delivered. He also will be willing to bring letters back with him if this becomes possible.

His last day here will be December 18. Please let us have your letter, if you wish to send one, before then.

Sincerely yours,

Stewart Meacham  
Peace Education Secretary

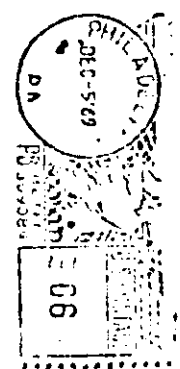
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October 29, 1969

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Missouri

Dear [REDACTED]

You will be happy to know I finally was able to visit North Vietnam from 10 to 17 October. My main purpose was to deliver open heart surgical equipment from the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) to the Binh Vien Viet-Duc Hospital in Hanoi as part of our continuing concern for civilian sufferers on all sides of the war. The AFSC already maintains a prosthetic training hospital in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam, and we have supplied penicillin for civilian use in areas of South Vietnam controlled by the Provisional Revolutionary Government.

Your letter was one of about 250 I took with me to Hanoi for men missing in action. To make distribution as simple as possible, I had arranged the letters in alphabetical order.

On Sunday morning, October 12, 1969, I turned the letters over to Mr. Dang Thai Toan, a staff member of the Vietnam Committee (the Committee responsible for the hospitality). A few hours later I left for a three-day tour of the provinces. When I returned to Hanoi I asked Mr. Toan what happened to the letters. He told me he had given them to those military authorities responsible for U.S. prisoners. He added that he knew who the proper authorities were, since on earlier occasions he had given them mail for prisoners.

I hope the above brings you some small comfort in knowing that your letter did indeed reach Hanoi. I wish it could bring you greater comfort. My warmest wishes to you and your loved-ones.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Eldar  
Joseph W. Eldar

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Executive Secretary

July 25, 1969

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Missouri

Dear [REDACTED]

This is to reassure you that your letter reached me in Philadelphia before I left, and it will accompany me to southeast Asia. I hope to revisit the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in August to deliver open-heart surgical supplies we in the American Friends Service Committee intend to provide. My visit to Viet Nam depends on an invitation from Hanoi, but I am optimistic it will come.

Providing I reach Hanoi, I hope to turn over to the appropriate authorities all the letters I am carrying. If this proves impossible, I plan to give them to other responsible officials in the DRVN. At any rate, I will do my best to see the mail reaches the men.

I am very sorry I cannot answer your letter personally, or better yet, talk with you at least by phone. But the number of people involved has made this impossible. Please accept my sincere concern for the hardships these past months must have brought you. Part of the tragedy of this war is that so many people, like yourself, are suffering so much...on all sides.

After I return from Viet Nam, I hope to get in touch with you again to let you know how things have worked out.

Best wishes,

*Joe Elder*  
Joseph W. Elder

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Executive Secretary

601281-2-67c  
September 17, 1969

[REDACTED]  
Missouri

601281-2-67c  
Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to bring you up-to-date on my recent efforts to return to the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, about which I wrote to you in my letter of July 25, 1969.

I have returned to the United States after spending the last three weeks attempting to make air-connections to Hanoi where I hope to deliver the open heart surgery supplies and to deliver the letters I have for the American prisoners of war being detained by the DRVN. Unfortunately, the flooding of the Mekong and Red Rivers has necessitated repeated cancellation of flights and has made it impossible for the authorities in the DRVN to receive me. In addition, the death of President Ho Chi Minh of the DRVN has required them to direct their attentions to arrangements for his state funeral.

After conversations which I had with DRVN representatives in both Cambodia and Laos, we agreed that I should postpone my return to Hanoi until October. Accordingly, I have now returned to the United States to resume my academic responsibilities and plan to return to Southeast Asia in October. The exact date of my return remains to be confirmed.

I very much regret that at this point I cannot report that I have been able to deliver the letters for prisoners of war to the appropriate authorities in the DRVN, but I hope to be able to report this to you after October when I have completed my mission.

Most sincerely yours,

Joe Elder  
Joseph W. Elder